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Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 16th to 18th and 63rd meetings, on 29 and 30 October and 2 November 1998 and on 28 May 1999. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.16–18 and 63).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for the periods from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996[1] and 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;[2]

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1996–1997, the indicative list for 1997–1998 and beyond and the internal roster (A/51/559 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/206);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1997–1998 and the preliminary programme of work for 1998–1999 (A/52/267);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/51/34).
[2] Ibid., *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/52/34).

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(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a note by the Joint Inspection Unit dated 15 July 1998 regarding its decision to revert to the previous January–December cycle for its programme of work and to adjust its annual report to the same cycle (A/53/180);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1999 and the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2000 and beyond (A/53/841).

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At its 63rd meeting, on 28 May 1999, following a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer consideration of this item to the main part of its fifty-fourth session (see para. 6).

5. Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Cuba and Algeria (see A/C.5/53/SR.63).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" to the main part of its fifty-fourth session.